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SUBJECT: NEW MEMBERS OF STATE AND MINISTERIAL COUNCILS

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1. NATIONAL ASSEMBLY JULY 2 CONFIRMED PENCHO KUBADINSKI AS MEMBER OF STATE COUNCIL AND NATIONAL BANK CHAIRMAN VESELIN IVANOV NIKIFOROV AS MEMBER OF MINISTERIAL COUNCIL.

2. APPOINTMENT OF KUBADINSKI TO STATE COUNCIL WAS TO BE EXPECTED AFTER PREVIOUSLY BEING NAMED HEAD OF FATHERLAND FRONT. HOWEVER, AS MEMBER OF BCP POLITBURO AND SUCCESSOR TO GEORGI TRAYKOV IN FRONT, APPOINTMENT AS ORDINARY MEMBER RATHER THAN DEPUTY CHAIRMAN SOMEWHAT SURPRISING.

3. OFFICIAL EXPLANATION OFFERED FOR NIKIFOROV APPOINTMENT TO MINISTERIAL COUNCIL IS THAT IT CONFORMED WITH THE "NECESSITY" TO INCREASE ROLE OF NATIONAL BANK IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF COUNTRY.

4. ASSEMBLY ALSO CONFIRMED LUDMILLA ZHIVKOVA AS CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE ON ART AND CULTURE (REFTEL). PRESS LISTS HER AS "NEW" MEMBER OF MINSTERIAL COUNCIL, BUT THIS IS APPARENTLY NO CHANGE IN STATUS FROM THAT OF HER PREDECESSOR.

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